

THE SOCIETY OF CONSTRUCTION LAW
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

THE SOCIETY OF CONSTRUCTION LAW

REPORT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

The Council have pleasure in submitting the report and accounts of the Society of Construction Law for the year ended 31 December 2015.

The Society of Construction Law was established to promote for the public benefit, education, study and research in the field of construction law and related subjects both in the UK and overseas. An elected council comprising of 20 members runs the society; there are 4 officers who are also members of the council. The Society is governed by its constitution which was last amended and adopted on 16 May 2012.

TREASURER'S REVIEW

In the last year the income of the Society has increased due to the number of events being arranged. The income from subscriptions has seen an increase due to growth in membership. Costs have been kept under control, with the result that the accounts continue to show a surplus of income over expenditure.

We owe much of our ongoing success to the support provided by Jill Ward, Frances Whitehead, Edward Peters our webmaster and Simon Hogg for IT support. Thanks also go to support from our President and past Chairmen, McKenzies our accountants, RSM our Auditors, our other consultants and to our regional representatives who provide so much support.

The Society has produced a net surplus in the last year. The Society remains in a sound and improving financial position in what are difficult financial times.

DONATIONS

Donations of £4,000 were made to Macmillan Cancer Support (2014: £4,000 to Macmillan Cancer Support).

STATEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Council is required under the constitution of the Society to have financial statements prepared for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society as at the end of the financial year, the surplus or deficiency for that period, and that in the preparation of these financial statements;

- it has followed United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law),
- appropriate accounting policies have been used and applied consistently,
- the going concern basis has been applied,
- reasonable and prudent accounting judgements and estimates have been made.

The Council is responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the Society and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the Council

J Bailey
Chairman

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**NON STATUTORY INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE SOCIETY OF CONSTRUCTION LAW**

We have audited the non-statutory financial statements on pages 3 to 6. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

This non-statutory report is made solely to the Members of the Society, for their confidential use. Our non-statutory audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Members of Society those matters we are required to state to them in a non-statutory auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Society and the Members of Society as a body, for our non-statutory audit work, for this non-statutory report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Members of Council and auditor

As more fully explained in the Statement of the Council's Responsibilities set out on page 1, the Members of Council are responsible for the preparation of the non-statutory financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. We have been engaged to audit and express an opinion on the non-statutory financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

We read the non-statutory Report of the Members of Council and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate>.

Opinion on non-statutory financial statements

In our opinion the non-statutory financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs as at 31 December 2015 and of its profit for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities.

RSM UK Audit LLP (formerly Baker Tilly UK Audit LLP)

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Notes	2015 £	2014 £
Income			
Subscriptions		241,900	246,444
Sale of papers		3,119	4,419
Launch & publication of SCL Protocol		30	110
Meetings	6	164,234	143,864
Lecture programme		24,416	19,100
ESCL book contributions		8,613	-
Interest	2	1,451	1,201
Sundry income		3,531	1,205
		<u>447,459</u>	<u>416,343</u>
Expenditure			
Newsletter, membership directory and publication of papers		39,599	43,507
Grants and awards		18,951	9,197
Hudson and King's prizes		4,157	5,399
Lecture programme		23,257	21,102
Advocacy training		3,428	-
Public relations		-	585
SCL expenses in the UK		-	234
SCL expenses overseas		-	453
SCL Consultant expenses	3	129,425	91,054
Bank charges		181	242
IT and Web site		10,519	11,793
Audit		8,600	8,400
Subscriptions		570	552
Regions		-	119
Accountancy		6,875	5,800
Professional fees		-	917
Donations		4,000	4,000
Gulf society		90	-
Foreign exchange differences		150	-
Irrecoverable VAT		10,211	13,375
Meetings	6	136,960	126,164
Overseas Societies		-	1,000
Bank interest		-	3
		<u>396,973</u>	<u>343,896</u>
Excess of income over expenditure before taxation		50,486	72,447
Taxation	4	290	241
Excess of income over expenditure after taxation		<u>£50,196</u>	<u>£72,206</u>

There are no other recognised gains or losses other than the surplus for the year disclosed above.

The excess of income over expenditure relates to continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Notes	2015		2014	
		£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Trade debtors		18,898		12,671	
Prepayments and accrued income		34,687		43,412	
Cash at bank		486,861		437,262	
National savings investment account		102,757		101,992	
			643,203		595,337
Less					
Creditors: Amounts due in less than one year	5	(197,340)		(199,670)	
			(197,340)		(199,670)
Net current assets			£445,863		£395,667
Accumulated funds					
Surplus brought forward			395,667		323,461
Income and expenditure account					
Surplus for the year			50,196		72,206
Balance carried forward			£445,863		£395,667

The financial statements on pages 3 to 6 were approved and authorised for issue by the Council on 2016 and were signed on its behalf by :


 R Bailey
 Treasurer

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 J Bailey
 Chairman

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

1. **Accounting policies**

Basis of Accounting

The non statutory financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

Fees

Membership fees are included in income on a receivable basis but excluding amounts considered doubtful of collection. The subscription period runs from 1 January to 31 December. Subscriptions received after 30 September are treated as deferred income for the following year.

Foreign Currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Any differences are taken to the income and expenditure account.

2. **Interest**

The interest earned in the year comprises:

	2015 £	2014 £
Interest on National Westminster Bank Accounts	686	442
Interest on National Savings Investment Account	765	759
	<u>1,451</u>	<u>1,201</u>

3. **SCL Consultant Expenses**

During the year consultant expenses were paid in respect of:

	2015 £	2014 £
P Britton	11,350	4,160
S Hogg	5,255	5,349
F Patterson	12,740	9,595
E Peters	25,304	9,463
V Cracan	1,550	-
J Bertram Hillig	965	1,925
J Ward	45,498	38,077
F Whitehead	26,763	22,485
	<u>£129,425</u>	<u>£91,054</u>

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4. Taxation	2015	2014	
	£	£	
The taxation charge for the year comprises:			
Current year tax due on National Westminster Bank and National Savings Investment Accounts interest at 20.00% (2014 : 20.00%)	290	241	
Underprovision re prior year	-	-	
	290	241	
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5. Creditors: Amounts falling due in less than one year	2015	2014	
	£	£	
Trade creditors and accruals	23,607	26,659	
Deferred income	171,968	155,098	
Taxation	153	152	
Other taxation	1,612	903	
Other Creditors	-	16,858	
	197,340	199,670	
	197,340	199,670	
Other creditors related to monies held on behalf of international Societies of Construction Law.			
6. Meeting income and expenses			
Meeting	Income	Expenditure	Gross Profit/ (loss)
SCL Events – AGM	15,935	(14,642)	1,293
SCL Events – Brewery	58,702	(50,345)	8,357
SCL Events – Scottish Lunch	8,000	(5,102)	2,898
SCL Events – Leeds Lunch	15,257	(5,689)	9,568
SCL Events – Dublin Lunch	12,949	(8,373)	4,576
SCL Events – Bristol Lunch	6,437	(3,970)	2,467
SCL Events – Manchester Lunch	9,513	(7,077)	2,436
International conference	29,337	(25,268)	4,069
Joint Events	175	-	175
SCL Junior Events	5,087	(7,875)	(2,788)
Other Events	2,842	(8,619)	(5,777)
	164,234	(136,960)	27,274
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